

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Lever for a valve control of a piston engine, ~~such as comprising~~ a rocker arm, rocker lever or finger lever, with a roller [(6)], which is arranged in a roller pocket [(5)] formed by a left side part [(1)] and a right side part [(2)] of the lever and which is rotatably mounted on a support pin [(7)] arranged in the lever, ~~characterized in that~~ a width [(11)] of the roller pocket [(5)] is smaller than a sum of total thicknesses of the left side part [(1)] and the right side part [(2)] of the lever, wherein the left side part [(1)] and [also] the right side part [(2)] are tapered sufficiently via tapered sections ~~(8, 9, 10, 16)~~ in a region of a bore hole [(14)] for holding the support pin [(7)], and [that] a sum of [the] a width [(12)] of the left side part [(1)] supporting the support pin [(7)] and a width [(13)] of the right side part [(2)] supporting the support pin [(7)] is smaller than the width [(11)] of the roller pocket [(5)].

2. (Currently amended) Lever according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the tapered sections ~~(8, 9, 10, 16)~~ in the side parts ~~(1, 2)~~ of the lever is generated by shaping processes.

3. (Currently amended) Lever according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the tapered sections ~~(8, 9, 10, 16)~~ in the side parts ~~(1, 2)~~ of the lever is generated by removing material.

4. (Currently amended) Lever according to claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ the tapered sections ~~(8, 10)~~ in the left side part [(1)] and in the right side part [(2)] are each arranged on an outside or inside ~~(tapered section 9, 16)~~ thereof.

5. (Currently amended) Lever according to claim 1, wherein one of claims 1 to 4,
~~characterized in that~~ the support pin ~~[[(7)]]~~ has ~~means for rotational and/or~~
~~positional locking, preferably a locking part [[(15),]]~~ in ~~[[the]]~~ a region of at least one
of the outer tapered sections ~~(8, 16)~~ for at least one of rotational or positional
locking.

6. (Currently amended) Lever according to claim 1, wherein one of claims 1 to 4,
~~characterized in that~~ one of the side parts ~~[[(1)]]~~ has an outer tapered section ~~(8 or~~
~~16),~~ while the tapered section ~~(9 or 10)~~ on the other side part ~~[[(2)]]~~ faces towards
the roller pocket ~~[[(5)]]~~.